

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ for making dust or sediment, ~~more especially~~ such as metal grinding sludge, into briquettes, ~~said the~~ apparatus having a charging apparatus with a container for loading the material to be pressed, a charging screw disposed in the container, ~~said the~~ charging screw ~~being~~ driven by a screw driver ~~driving means~~ and forcing the material to be pressed out via a container opening, and ~~said the~~ apparatus having a briquette press~~[[,]]~~ which has a shaping chamber~~[[,]]~~ in which a press ram is displaceable and which has a supply opening to ~~[[the]]~~ an inlet of the material to be pressed which is forced out of the container opening, ~~as well as including~~ and a closure slide apparatus for closing and opening ~~[[the]]~~ an end of the shaping chamber, the apparatus comprising ~~characterised in that~~ the charging apparatus (1-4; 30) having a ~~is in the~~ form of an independent module and ~~[[is]]~~ attachable to the briquette press ~~so as to be easily~~ in an interchangeable manner.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a pipe (12), ~~which is provided with~~ having screen openings (13)~~[[,]]~~ is disposed between ~~[[the]]~~ a container opening (5) and the supply opening (11).

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3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the screen openings are ~~in the form of slots~~ (13) which extend in ~~[[the]]~~ a longitudinal direction of the pipe.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the container (1) is funnel-shaped.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to ~~one of claims 1 to~~ claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the container (31-34, 36) is box-shaped and ~~in that~~ directly above ~~[[the]]~~ a bottom (36) of the container there are ~~provided~~ at least two feeder screws (40) ~~which are~~ disposed next to the charging screw (37) and at an ~~a specific~~ angle relative to said the charging screw, ~~preferably at right angles.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein at least one of the feeder screws (40) and/or and the charging screw (37) each is ~~or respectively are~~ mounted on ~~only~~ one side on the container (30).

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7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ according to ~~one of claims 1 to claim 6, characterised in that the~~ wherein an attachment of the charging apparatus (1-4; 30) to the press (6-17) is a ~~accomplished by means of~~ locking ~~connections~~ connection.

8. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the container (1) is funnel-shaped.

9. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the container (31-34, 36) is box-shaped and directly above a bottom (36) of the container there are at least two feeder screws (40) disposed next to the charging screw (37) and at an angle relative to the charging screw.

10. (New) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the feeder screws (40) and the charging screw (37) each is mounted on one side on the container (30).

11. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein an attachment of the charging apparatus (1-4; 30) to the press (6-17) is a locking connection.